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# Farewell Eleanor

Algonquin Highlands reeve reminisces over 23 year career



#### **Triathlete**

Mindenborn Ed Cyr competes in gruelling races with mother's support



**Darren Lum** Times staff

Nine-year-old Annie Cloutier-Austin pauses, looking down at her wreath before she placed it at the Remembrance ceremony in Kinmount last weekend. See more photos on page 22.

# McMahon accuses Reid of acting out of line

**Angelica Blenich** Staff reporter

A special Minden Hills council meeting held on Nov. 8 to discuss a procedural bylaw has been described by reevelect and current Ward 2 Councillor Barb Reid as a "public lynching."

"It was an old-fashioned lynching and just yet another demonstration of what I've been subjected to for the last four years," said Reid in regards to the special meeting of council.

Called by Reeve Jim McMahon, the meeting's agenda simply outlined two items, including a discussion regarding a "procedural bylaw" and a resolution to appoint Shawn Hagerman as the township's agent of record regarding the employee benefit program.

According to McMahon, the discussion was the result of orientation budget meetings being planned by reeve-elect Barb Reid, municipal treasurer Lorrie Blanchard and CAO Gerry Morrison.

"It was a matter of we have a procedural bylaw and the council of the day, me as reeve, is still in charge until the

see UNCLEAR page 12





# Housing group chooses new online challenge

Places for People is "down but not out" according to president Fay Martin, who sent out an email to supporters Tuesday telling them the affordable housing group would enter another Internet contest.

The group would be entering the Aviva Community Fund contest in the third round.

"Succeeding at Aviva would require that our supporters vote 10 times in Round 3 (Nov. 15 to Dec. 1) and 10 more times in the semi-finals (Dec. 2 to 15). We'd then go

forward to a panel of judges, and[I] think our project would fare well there," Martin

The group is hoping to win \$100,000 to start a new affordable housing residence in the county and pay down the mortgage of the current George Street, Haliburton,

Go to www.avivacommunityfund.org and search "Places for People" to vote, beginning Nov. 15.

# OPP seek help in break and enter in Algonquin Highlands

On Nov. 2, members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to a residence on Wolf Close in Algonquin Highlands, to investigate a break and enter. The break and enter had occurred to the garage, sometime between Thanksgiving weekend and November of 2010. Numerous tools and a generator were taken.

If you have any information regarding this break and enter, you are urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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#### Minden Hills man charged in ATV collision

On Nov. 6, at approximately 2 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to an ATV collision on Clear Lake Road in the township of Minden Hills. The OPP located the male driver of the ATV trapped under it. He was taken to Minden Hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries. Officers determined that the driver of the ATV had been consuming alcohol.

A 58-year-old man of Minden Hills has been charged with impaired driving, and drive over 80 mgs.



The Breakmen to appear at Camp Wanakita

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#### Students help fill food bank

Students from the Haliburton high school Rotary Interact Club deliver boxes of nonperishable food items to the Minden Food Bank on Nov. 8.

The students collected the items on Halloween in a fundraiser they organized called Halloween for Hunger.

From back left, Puru Shah, Becky Ridsdale, Chrissy Shaw. Front left, Katlyn Doiron and **Angelica Blenich** Times staff Sylvia Jennings.

# October not so colourful this year

#### by Phil Graham

Special to the *Times* 

Average high: 17.6C, 63.6F Average low: 2.1C, 35.7F Average for the month: 9.4C, 48.9F Average for last October: 6.3C, 43.3F Highest temp. Oct. 10: 22.5C, 72.5F Lowest temp.: -5C, 25F Rain: 97.3 mm 3.8 in Total precip.: 97.3 mm, 3.8 in Total precip. last October: 135.5 mm, 5.3 Days mostly sunny: 10 Days with rain: 9

October had lots of variety of weather. The first half of the month was dry and quite sunny. The last of the month was not so pleasant. Rain most days, colder and windy, frost on some mornings and flurries in some areas. Leaves all down, not so colourful this fall as usual. We have two winters and one summer ahead of us! Better situation in the spring!

# Eleanor Harrison leaves post as reeve



Outgoing reeve looking forward to retirement after 23 years of local

#### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Eleanor Harrison says she's looking forward to spending more time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

The longtime Algonquin Highlands reeve is leaving municipal politics after 23 years, with just a few more council meetings left to head up.

"I've reached a stage in my life where I want to do what I want, when I want," Harrison said, seated in the kitchen of her St. Peter's Road home last week.

Harrison was born and raised in Haliburton County, attending school here as well. With both her parents passing away while she was in her teens, she was taken in by Haliburton's Dr. Harry Good and his wife, Ruth, who acted as her guardians while she finished high school.

Attending Shaw Business School in Toronto, she spent five years in the city, the last three of those married to fellow Haliburtonian Jim Harrison.

The couple moved back to the Highlands in 1966, which Harrison said was mostly Jim's idea.

"I rather liked the city," she said. "I was enjoying it at that particular point in my life. You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy."

Harrison spent the next several years raising the couple's two daughters while Jim got into local politics, spending most of the 1970s and 1980s on Stanhope council, serving as a councillor, deputy-reeve and eventually reeve.

'Jim's supporters went after me," Harrison said, explaining it was this push that led her to run for a councillor's seat on Stanhope council in 1987. "I was not particularly interested in running for council. It started rather shakily."

As Harrison explained, the initial ballot count in that election had her losing by a single ballot to Barb Nangle. Harrison was fine with the outcome, since she thought Nangle wanted the job more, but supporters pushed her to ask for a recount.

Today, legislation demands that elections that come down to such a slim margin are subject to recount.

The recount put Harrison up by two votes.

"I felt bad," she recalled.

While initially she may not have had much interest in running for council, somewhere the bug struck and Harrison would spend the next two decades in municipal poli-

Like her husband before her, Harrison served as a councillor and then deputy-reeve in Stanhope, eventually becoming the county's first female reeve in 1997.

Women were much less plentiful in Haliburton County politics in the first years of Harrison's career than they are today, but she never felt intimidated or unwelcome in what

many perceived as the "old boys' club" of county politics.
"I make up my own mind," she said, adding that she'd never felt disrespected by any of her colleagues. "I always felt very comfortable."

When amalgamation took place a decade ago, Harrison said it brought with it some challenges.

The location of a new Algonquin Highlands township office, she said, was particularly controversial, with residents of what were then Sherborne et al and Stanhope townships disagreeing about where the office should go.

Locating the office on Stanhope's North Shore Road was a decision made by arbitration.

Amalgamation in the county has been a success, she

"Personally, I'm a supporter of amalgamation, I really am," she said, although she realizes it may make peripheral communities such as Oxtongue Lake and Cardiff feel



**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Eleanor Harrison stands outside her St. Peter's Road home in Algonquin Highlands where she has served as a politician for 23 years. Harrison will retire in December at age 69.

as though they are out of the loop.

Harrison is proud of the many projects she's been involved with over the years, including the township's water trails network and its progressive waste disposal policies.

The Dorset landfill was en route to be at capacity around

"It's still open," she said, triumphantly.

Harrison is also incredibly proud of the township's museums in Stanhope and Dorset.

"I'd put that little museum up against small museum in Canada . . . I'd even go further than that," she said, emphasizing Dorset's museum is run by volunteers.

Harrison stressed she was just part the councils that allowed these projects to unfold.

"I've always had good staff and councillors," she said. "The reeve is just one vote at the table."

It's not all been proverbial sunshine, of course.

"We've had some failures," Harrison said, pointing in particular to the closing of the public school in Dorset, which council had rallied hard against. "School closures are a very, very emotional issue for a community.

The plan to turn the school site into seniors' housing also failed to come to fruition.

As far as the controversial Stanhope Airport expansion project which she has advocated for and which the township's new council will almost certainly scrap, Harrison realizes that for some, her reputation will be tarnished by her support of the project.

"Others I hope will remember all that was accomplished in those first 20 years," she said.

Harrison said she'll go to her grave with the belief the airport expansion project would have been beneficial to the township's economy.

She said the last term was certainly the most difficult of



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— Eleanor Harrison

her career and she knows it's time for her to make her exit.

"For the most part, I have enjoyed it," she said. "But if you're no longer getting enjoyment out of something ... if it's becoming a chore ... then it's time."

Harrison, who will turn 69 in short order, said between meetings, other functions and reading, she spends about 30 to 40 hours a week doing the job of reeve.

"I've been dedicated," she said.

While she will remain on the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation as a citizen member, as well as the county's professional recruitment committee, unless an issue pertains directly to one of these committees, she won't be attending any council meetings.

At some point, Harrison said, she thinks the county should consider looking at a single-tier governance structure, which would make the facilitation of larger infrastructure projects easier.



Andrew
Salvatori
plays
"Reveille"
near the
start of the
ceremony
for those
who served
their country
and their
community.

# Minden remembers

**Photos by Darren Lum** 



Silver Cross Mother Mary Cox sits, waiting to set a wreath for a loved one lost while serving the country.

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

The Service of Remembrance ceremony was attended by close to 100 people including residents, politicians, police, friends and family of veterans, active and former soldiers at the Haliburton County Cairn in Minden on Sunday, Nov. 7.

Organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch 636, the ceremony included playing of the "Lament" on the bagpipes by Fraser McDonald, the "Last Post" and "Reveille" played by Andrew Salvatori, the reciting of "In Flanders Fields" by a Second World War veteran, a reading of the honour roll by Al Mayo and a resounding singing of "God Save the Queen." This year's Silver Cross Mother was Mary Cox.



The veterans of past wars and OPP officers, who lost their lives in the line of service, were remembered and honoured this past Sunday with the Remembrance Day ceremony.



Second World War veteran Cliff Green presents the "In Flanders Fields" poem.

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# A neighbourhood of heroes

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

War was as close as their next-door

For Mindenites Lloyd and Velma Stiver, who have known each other practically all their lives and have been married 61 years, the Second World War remains with them vividly.

They grew up separated by one house where soldier and neighbour Rex Parliament lived, bringing joy to children before he was killed in the war, on Sparkhall Avenue in Toronto.

The street was lined with semi-detached homes built in the 1920s, each with its own little front lawn and a veranda. Typical of the time, the street was filled with the sound of children playing hopscotch, neighbours were greeted by name and you didn't lock vour door.

Lloyd volunteered for military service after he left high school in order to support his family after his father fell ill and could

By the time he was shipped off with the Highland Light Infantry for the 10-day voyage across the Atlantic Ocean aboard the RMS Aguitania with 10,000 other soldiers, crammed into sleeping quarters with bunks that were five high, the war was over.

Lloyd will never forget the advice of another soldier who had made the trip before to avoid the lowest bunk because of the inevitable result of seasickness.

Despite the end of the war, there were still flights, moving 1,000 men a day from England into the rest of Europe, using Wellington bombers that were not much wider than an average man's arm span, he said,



**Darren Lum** Times staff

Left, Lloyd Stiver with wife Velma reflect on how the Second World War affected them and their neighbours while growing up as teenagers in Toronto. Lloyd joined the army, but by the time he was old enough to be sent to Europe, the war had ended.

which helped him to get to Aurich, Germany where German officers and soldiers awaited trial for crimes against the Cana-

Both Lloyd and Velma vividly remember the men and women who served their country whether it was overseas or in the munitions factories.

Parliament, who was their mutual neighbour on Sparkhall Avenue, died from a sniper's bullet in Germany.

The couple can still remember visiting his grave on their trip to the Netherlands in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War a few years

"Even thinking about it now I get chills," Velma said. "A neighbour of ours was killed. He was killed on the 22nd of March, 1945. He died just before the end of the war. We went to see where he was buried ... it was the most moving thing you ever saw. It was

Velma regretted the loss of the friend, a next-door neighbour and a great person.

"He should have lived. It was sad because

he was so interesting. He used to have shows for the kids ... he showed movies. They had a basement where you walked in. He would fix it all up like a theatre. He was terrific with the kids," Velma said, adding she was also a friend to his younger sister and her brother, who was the same age.

They even remember a few by name, who not only fought, but also were caught by Axis forces and spent years as prisoners

Many young men in their neighbourhood volunteered for service such as Stanley Allison, a navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force and Bruce Henderson, a soldier in the Canadian army. Both were taken prisoner, interned at POW camps, spending years imprisoned.

Although there was a stigma attached to those men who did not serve - including men like her brother Lloyd who was refused for military duty due to bad feet Velma believes many men went to serve for a sense of honour.

"They just never hesitated. They felt it was their duty to do it," she said.

She said there was an obvious change in the boys who went overseas as they went over boys and came back men.

Although Velma admits to initially "hating" Lloyd there was something irresistible about the uniform (according to Lloyd) and an attraction grew between them. They subsequently married.

With two grown children and four grandchildren, they hope that the next generation never has to live through what they went through.

"You'd like them to remember what the boys had to go through," she said.

# The paradox of war

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

He came very close to the war.

Minden resident Merv Everall is appreciative of life now as a man of the cloth.

The retired Anglican reverend, who served at the St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden after his teaching career in Oshawa, has never forgotten the war since his brush with it.

Born in England in 1930, his father and mother left with him to go to Regina, Sask., but soon returned to the country three years later, settling in Coventry where the heaviest bombardment occurred.

"That Coventry thing has always stuck with me," he said, adding his father's decision to come to Canada five years later was a lucky, fortuitous outcome in light of the

He would see the city bombed, specifically remembering the destruction of Coventry Cathedral, thousands of miles away in the newsreels in Toronto, upset he was too

Although he was ready to fight for his country and believes freedom was won because of the men and women who served, he does not like the concept of war.

"I hate the thought of it," he said.

Everall will always remember when the two atom bombs were dropped on Japan to end the war between the Allies and that

"God, I'll never forget that as long as live. I can see these things and I hate them. I hate the thoughts of atomic energy, but at the same time I believe in freedom and I believe in people choosing what they want. I think they should choose the kind of government they want."

He makes an effort to not only be part of the ceremonies connected to Remembrance Day, but to impart this fact on the next generation, visiting with students at schools such as Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden this week.

Remembrance Day is "to remind our kids growing up ... I see it as an education thing," he said.



Merv Everall spent his time during the Second World War with the sea cadets, but was always disappointed he couldn't return to his birthplace and serve his country.

# points of view

# A couple of goodbyes

**Chad Ingram** 

Reporter

THE TOWNSHIPS of Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills are losing great assets with the departures of longtime reeves Eleanor Harrison and Jim McMahon.

Yes, dear readers, when it comes

to Harrison, I know what some of you are thinking: she's been a major advocate for the controversial airport expansion project I've so often rallied against.

While her advocacy of the airport expansion project has angered many and may have tarnished her reputation for some, let's look beyond that for a moment, shall we?

Harrison devoted some 23 years of her existence to the civic life of the former Stanhope township and the amalgamated township of Algonquin Highlands.

For years, under her leadership, the township was revered for not only its fiscal responsibility, but also its progressive aspirations that led to projects such as its award-winning water trails.

Harrison was the first female reeve in the county and for years was also one of the few women in what was largely a boys' club of municipal governance, which should not go unno-

McMahon, after years as reeve of the former Lutterworth township, helped with the amalgamation of area town-

ships into what would become the municipality of Minden Hills and in recent years, his councils have undertaken major projects such as Riverwalk and the township's new water tower.

While their accomplishments are

impressive, it is the experience that is walking out the door with Harrison and McMahon that is the real kicker: a collective 55 years.

That's a lot of knowledge of the area's political history. That's a lot of knowledge of the Municipal Act and the tedious, formal processes of council meet-

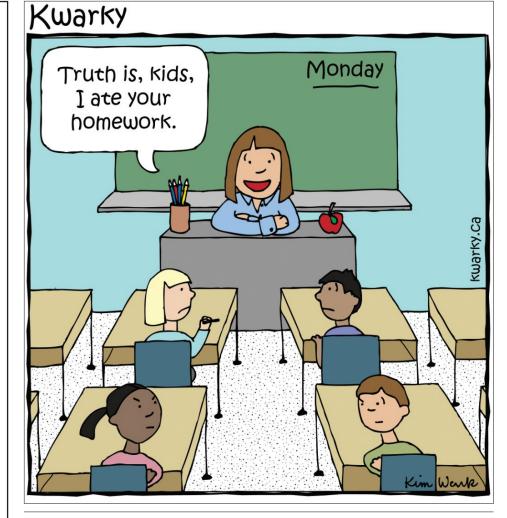
ings, which can get complicated at times.

Small-town politics are not for the weak of heart. They mean little financial compensation or glory and heaps of public scrutiny. Those who get involved in local politics, especially for as long as Harrison and McMahon have been involved, do it because they truly want to improve their communi-

This is a rare characteristic that should be commended.

Last, but, for me, certainly not least, neither Harrison nor McMahon has ever refused, or refused to return, calls from a certain nagging reporter, no matter what time of day or day of the

It has been greatly appreciated.



letters to the editor

# **AH candidate** is a legal one

To the Editor,

I'm disappointed in the letter to the editor by Mr. MacGregor attacking my candidacy for election in Algonquin Highlands. First, I have met all the legal requirements of a candidate and have been certified as eligible by the municipal clerk.

Second, it is true that I have leased a piece of land in the municipality. It is a long-term lease and I am responsible for the taxes on that property. I have made no secret of this fact, something which was included in an earlier article written about my candidacy by Chad Ingram for the Times and brought to the public's attention at a public meeting attended by over 200 area residents and numerous members of the press.

I have always been and will continue to be an independent thinker who will seek and weigh out the information I'm given when making decisions that will serve everyone in Algonquin Highlands fairly. While the present council has done a good job of stewardship of the municipality in many ways, I

see CANDIDATE page 8

# **Setting the** facts straight at Dorset firehall

To the Editor,

Last Thursday, a staff report was submitted to Algonquin Highlands council that stated that "As a result of some internal and personnel and management issues, three (3) members of Station 60 Dorset have resigned and Council has accepted, with regret, their resignation."

I have no idea why the township is publicly releasing erroneous data, but since the hire of a full-time training officer, seven firefighters have left the hall. While perhaps not all of them wrote a letter of resignation, the township has taken the extraordinary step of sending registered letters out to those who submitted written resignations and to those who have simply not shown up

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# points of view

# Noah's bark

THIS MORNING, at 4 a.m. when my dog woke me up, I got to thinking about Noah. I wasn't pondering about the standard Noah things either. I wasn't wondering whether or not he won a lot of bets predicting the weather. Nor did I dwell upon the fact that he probably had to work awful hard when the kids wanted to water ski. No, I was thinking about the power he had to influence the modern world in which we live.

For instance, if I had been Noah, and the dogs had decided to wake me up at 4 a.m., future generations of humanity would never know what a dog was. Or if they did, the ones they knew would come from a long line of excellent swimmers who had a pathological fear of barking at 4 a.m. Yes, I would have thrown a stick overboard and asked

them to fetch.

That's the kind of power that Noah had been given. And vet few of us ever really question whether he used it or

not. I happen to think he did If so, who could blame him? Forty days and 40 nights is an awful long time to spend with a boatload of annoying animals. Heck, I can barely spend two hours in the car with kids.

The first thing I imagine he got rid of was any animal that was hard to clean up after. That's why there's no such beast as the Incon-

tinent Elephant or the Weak-bladdered Giraffe.

I'm guessing that any of the larger, more intimidating genus of leg-humpers also went for a swim after about the fourth night. So, too, did any breed of monkey that could accurately throw feces at 90 miles an hour. And, you just

know that any variety of lap skunk didn't make it past day two.

No, they probably went the way of the telemarketing cat. And maybe, contrary to legend, the unicorn actually made it on board but only until it snuck up behind Noah for the third time.

Forget about animal behaviour. What about all those less annoying crea-

tures that simply tasted too good? Maybe, if Noah had showed some restraint there'd be several hundred varieties of buttered-jumbo shrimp, bacon-shelled lobsters, or tenderloin

The point is that Noah had a lot of power to shape the animal world around us. And obviously God trusted him to use it wisely - despite the fact that he never had a boater's licence. And, for all we know, maybe Noah did edit the gene pool a bit.

If that's the case, I probably have no reason to complain. În fact, I'll go so far as to admit that I might have overreacted. My dog needed to go out, after

But that shouldn't excuse her. I can't help but think that she went overboard - or should have.

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**Steve Galea** Beyond 35

# **Better than Christmas**

**Neil Campbell** 

Back of Beyond

ROUND A CURVE barely out of sight of Haliburton's Industrial Park, a man in hunter orange unloads a pair of hounds from his pickup truck.

Two pals watch and wait nearby, rifles nestled in the crooks of their arms. The Brown Dog Jiggs barks an alarm from his truck seat.

Another day and Jiggs and I are out walking on the road to Sapsucker Ridge when two armed men in orange step out of the woods near where a creek empties Kernohan Pond.

I wave and the hunters wave back. Jiggs barks a warning to any deer that might be in the neighbourhood, for he wants them all to himself. The Brown Dog spews indignation.

For Jiggs thinks all the territory east from Big Bob Lake to Bobcaygeon Road and south from the Scotch Line to the Gull River belongs to him.

Pickup trucks laden with hound crates and gun racks roll up and down our road and Jiggs fires a warning volley of woofs at each of them. The ordinary silence is punctuated with gunfire and hounds giving voice.

Just at the bottom of the big winding hill on the road to Sapsucker Ridge, a

target is set up in a gravel pit. Hunters sight their rifles. Jiggs barks an ultimatum from the truck cab.

In supermarkets and at convenience

stores, men in camouflage stock up on beef jerky as The Brown Dog peers at them through the window.

Always men, it seems to me, though there are rumours of women in hunt camps. Husbands go out shooting and, for the most part, wives take a two-week vacation from them.

For hunting still has the feel of a men's club, a retreat

from a perplexing world into old friendships and simpler times. Family camps pass down through generations and the stories that go with them keep getting better with the telling.

A young man is in camp with the grownups for the first time. An old man out for one last hunt settles for a doe. Stand on a valley's brow, breathe in the damp, clean air of a November morning

It's almost better than Christmas.

At least, that's how I imagine it must be for I am not a hunter, and never will be, though venison is the only meat I'm supposed to eat right now. But I savour these first two weeks of November, for they hold in them the spirit of an older

Haliburton.

Men go out in the woods to bring home the winter's meat, though the hardscrabble days are gone when Haliburton ate what it hunted or caught or gathered or grew, or ate nothing

There are hunting seasons for moose and turkeys, for black bears and partridges, for wolves and waterfowl,

but none of them have the hold on Haliburton's heart that deer season does.

In the villages of Haliburton, a good man can be hard to find these two weeks, for Bart Hilhorst and Paul Walker and Peter Hynard and most of their friends are out frolicking in the tag

If you flinch at the sound of gunfire, and think that not being part of the hunt places you on a moral high ground, well, think again.

For the deer that comes home in the back of some hunter's pickup lived a

good life, lived wild and free on nature's terms right up until the moment a bullet ended its life. Its meat is lean and safe and free of pharmaceuticals.

The shrink-wrapped meat at the supermarket comes from an animal never allowed to live the life it was meant to live. The killing is out of sight, out of mind. Besides, that meat is safe; it's federally inspected.

Deer season brings wet and cold, snow and pebble-bouncing ice, then sunshine and Indian summer. All good days for a walk in the woods with a rifle crooked in your arm.

As for The Brown Dog, every day is a good day for a walk in the woods. He's tired of being on a leash, as he must be for now, tired of being yanked away from a good sniff.

He wants to run free again. Run like

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# **Report minimizes fire** department issue

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at the hall since the problems began. These registered letters have accepted each person's resignation, whether written or implied, so releasing a public report that minimizes the situation in Dorset is a very confusing move on the township's part.

In the interest of setting the record straight, and ensuring that both council and Dorset residents fully understand how serious the situation is, it is necessary to correct this informa-

> **Rob Walisser** Former captain and volunteer firefighter **Dorset Fire Department**

### **Candidate brings** experience to table

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believe that it has failed to respond to the broad based opposition to an airport expansion that shows no return on an investment that far exceeds initial estimates.

Mr. MacGregor may wish to send me packing, but it will not lessen my commitment to do an excellent job for all Algonquin Highlands residents and be readily available to listen to their concerns. I bring 28 years of municipal and council experience to the table and, if elected, am prepared to put that experience to work on everyone's behalf.

> Elizabeth Danielsen (Still) Hopeful candidate for Algonquin Highlands

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# **Dorset firehall dispute** likely not solved soon

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township is continuing to deal with the controversy at the Dorset fire department, planning Monday to hire a third party to conduct interviews in the dispute between the members of the department who have quit and the township's fire training officer.

At least half of the 12-member department, including its former chief, quit last month, citing issues with the fire training officer Ryan Reesor.

The exact details are not known.

Reesor was hired earlier this year as part of the township's fire services master plan and the township has decided to bring in a third party through the fire marshal's office to try to resolve the problem.

"I think we want to be perceived as doing due diligence," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said during a Nov. 4 council meet-

Harrison doubted the issue would be resolved during the current council term.

"It's not going to be solved in November, I don't think,"

While there had been three candidates for the job, coun-

#### It's not going to be solved in November, I don't think.

— Eleanor Harrison

cil had whittled that down to two since one of the candidates was a personal acquaintance of Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg.

Councillor and incoming reeve Carol Moffatt said the township was "trying to keep it as arm's length as possi-

Harrison said there has been criticism of how the township is dealing the schism.

 ${}^{\bar{\prime}}\!I'm$  certainly getting phone calls ... that were moving at a slow pace," she said.

An all-candidates meeting in Dorset in early October turned into a discussion about how alarmed residents were that a good number of the community's volunteer firefighters had left the department.

As of press time, no new party had been finalized.

# Arts council reflects on year of changes

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Council welcomed six new members to its board at the organization's annual general meeting held on Nov. 4 at Fleming College.

The new members were just a part of a wave of changes the council has gone through during the 2009-2010 fiscal year, including staff changes, fundraising and programming

There have been lots of changes, which aren't always painless," said Lesley English, chairwoman of the organization's board of directors. "However, we are in a much stronger position going forward to further the organization's

The council welcomed Donna Gagnon as the new communication coordinator and administrative assistant following Mark Arike's departure. Later in the meeting, Arike was voted onto the council's board of directors.

Gail Stelter was welcomed by the organization as the new education coordinator.

English said there were many things going on behind the scenes of the organization, including finalizing the charity arm of the council and furthering the library of resources.

This past year the organization also welcomed Kim McBrien as the new coordinatorusing a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"This has been the most challenging and rewarding work of my life," said McBrien as she fought back tears. "Every single board member works so hard.

McBrien highlighted two fundraising events that combined brought in more than \$16,000.

This year the organization also revamped its events calendar, which for the first time was distributed to all four municipalities in the county, which included 28,500 households.

According to the report submitted by the marketing committee, the additional mail-out resulted in an increase in

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— Lesley English

direct distribution of 718 per cent over previous years.

"The marketing committee works harder than any group I have seen in my life," said McBrien.

During the meeting, the board of directors proposed a bylaw amendment that changed the number of members needed to form quorum from 15 to 13, due to the challenge of forming quorum at regular board meetings.

The amendment was passed through a unanimous vote, following which six new members were added to the board including Mark Arike, Darby Bayly, Caroline Collins, Lauren Forbes, Heidi Hudspith and Betty Ujvari.

"We've just added six fabulous people to our board," said

The new members replace eight board members who have decided to step down from the board, while seven current members will continue to serve.

According to English, the council will be putting a new executive into place at the December meeting.

Following the AGM the arts council hosted the 12th annual Arty Party in the Great Hall at the college.

This year's theme, the hat party, saw headpieces of all colours and regalia adorning the guests' heads as they ate deli-



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Mandatory Site Meeting.

The tender opening will be on Monday, November 22 nd, 2010 @ 12:15 p.m. in

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### **Meetings and Events**

November 11th 11 am - Remembrance Day – please remember the efforts of our special Canadians with 2

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November 11th Committee of the Whole - CANCELLED November 13th **Dinner and Loonie Auction (Community Centre)** 

November 25th 9 am Council Meeting November 27th

Gift and Basket Sale at Hyland Crest Nursing Home November 27th 11 am Santa Claus Parade - municipal parking lot November 28th Banner Auction – Royal Canadian Legion Branch

636 Minden up to 3pm

December 6th 7 pm Council Inaugiral - Council Chambers;

December 9th 9 am Council Meeting

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7:00 pm - Zumba Minden Community Centre - \$5.00





#### R.D. Lawrence Black and White November 10-December 19

RD. Lawrence learned his photography on board a ship shooting first class passengers but his work took a serious turn as a journalist, particularly when he was reporting back from the Congo during its civil war. This exhibition will include African artefacts and also showcase photographs of Lawrence's expeditions across Canada and the wildlife he met along the way.

#### Creativity Workshop by Martin Avery for writers of memoirs, fiction and non-fiction November 13, 10 am-1 pm at RDLP

This hands-on workshop is for adults who want to investigate ways of letting loose creative thinking. Overcome creative blocks and writers' block. Martin Avery is the author of Bobby Orr And Me, and Too Late For Anne Frank (about his father's experience in WWII). Avery has also taught at York University, Georgian College and arts centers. HHWEN is presenting the workshop. Tickets \$20 for HHWEN members \$25 for non-members. Call 286-6448.

#### From Abstract to Landscape-Retrospective on John Lennard Until November 20, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

In this exhibition John Lennard's life as an artist since 1964 will be realized. Works from his years at the Ontario College of Arts, Toronto and Student League, New York where a number of significant influences occurred and a range of styles were tried. See his early abstracts and atest stunning landscapes.

#### Celebrity Portraits by Fred Phipps Until November 20, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Fred Phipps had an amazing career working as the CBC photographer for over twenty-five years. Not only did he photograph Canada's most celebrated TV personalities but was the one and only photographer to capture the famous images of Karsh. Viewing this exhibition is reviewing Canada's TV culture from the 1960s onward. Stunning and rare these images are incredible but not as interesting as Phipps commentary and witty anecdotes on what it was like to photograph celebrities

#### Quicksilver of the Heart Book Launch by Brenda Peddigrew November 20

1-3pm

Quicksilver is Brenda's third poetry collection, following When the Bones Find Their Singing Place and SoulWinds: poems of transformation, each of which is in its third printing and has sold nearly five hundred copies. From the back cover of Quicksilver of the Heart: Refresments will be served after the launch and all of Brenda's books will be for sale.

#### How to talk to the press - A lunch and learn seminar by Laura Redman Wednesday, Nov. 24 noon, Admission by donation

Join journalist Laura Redman for a seminar about how to write a press release and talk to the media. We welcome everyone to bring their lunch and samples from their own non-profit and business of press releases they would like to see improved. Laura will pass on tips, ideas, and help people to understand what facts and information the press is looking for in a press package kit. Laura is the 2010 Writer In-Residence for R.D. Lawrence Place. Drop-ins are welcome but we encourage people to register for the purpose of event set-up. For details and to register please call 286-2298 or email rdlawrenceplace@ mindenhills.ca.

#### A Village Christmas

A magical event for the entire family! On November 26, 27 & 28, the Cultural Centre will be completely transformed! Purchase raffle tickets for one of our many beautifully decorated, pre-lit, themed Christmas trees. Visit a stunning gift shop with local crafted items. Kids will delight in the Candy Shop in our Sterling Bank building and they can get crafty at the Children's Workshop in our Old Schoolhouse. All funds raised go to support educational programs for school children and for the public on our heritage, literacy, the environment and visual art.

#### BACK WORDS: Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the Haliburton County Voice and R.D. Lawrence Place

The Haliburton County Voice is sponsoring this year's contest so winners will be published. The Back Words contest is an allusion to the beautiful back woods country here in the Haliburton Highlands. Entrants must use five random words: canoe, Gelert, library, dancing and umbrella which were picked by Writer In-Residence Laura Redman. Entries are fiction. Deadline is November 26. Please see all the details http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com/rd\_wir.php. Entries to <a href="mailto:rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca">rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca</a>.

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or 705-286-2808

# Health unit supports new smoking ban

**Chad Ingram** 

Staff reporter

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is commending the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board for its decision to enact a complete smoking ban on its properties.

The board made the decision to move ahead with the ban, effective in 2012, at a meeting late last month and was congratulated by Lisa Griffin, a public health nurse with the unit's Lindsay branch, at a community forum at the HHHS building in Minden on Nov. 3.

Griffin has been working for the past year or so as a smoking cessation counsellor.

"I have firsthand experience and empathy for what that challenge involves," she

She acknowledged that there may also be some challenges in getting the policy established and said Ross Memorial Hospital is going through the process right now.

Employees there who are smokers were nervous about the change, Griffin said, but said it seems the policy is going to help many of them give up their habit.

"They were anxious . . . it helped them with the quitting process," she said.

And most smokers do want to quit.

Griffin referred to studies that suggested half or more of all smokers long to kick their nicotine addiction and that 30 per cent of smokers make serious attempts to quit on a yearly basis.

"Tobacco is the only legal product that, when used as intended, kills half of its users prematurely," she said.



**Chad Ingram** Times staff

Public health nurse Lisa Griffin congratulated the hospital on its no smoking policy.

Griffin had no shortage of statistics, such as 47,000 deaths a year in Canada are linked to tobacco use, 13,000 in Ontario.

One thousand people in the country die from diseases associated with secondhand

Griffin said there may be some backlash to the ban from employees and the community at large.

"It can be worked through," she said.

One board member asked where employees who still chose to smoke were supposed to go to do so, expressing concern they would wind up on the properties of neigh-

"That's one of the things you can't glean through research," Griffin responded, saying she was unfamiliar with the properties and wasn't sure where smokers would go.

In Lindsay, she said the hospital had sent letters to surrounding landowners, informing them of the ban and asking them to contact the hospital if there were experiencing any problems.

"The other piece is that it's just better business," Griffin said of the ban, explaining that studies show that smoking bans, since they often lead to less smoking, can save corporations thousands upon thousands of dollars on what would have been lost productivity.

Griffin said it was the right time for the ban and that the board was leading the way towards the ideal of smoke-free society.

"We have the capacity to make a big impact," she said.

Sue Shikaze of the Haliburton branch of the health unit spoke about local initiatives including a stakeholder survey being undertaken with the aim of increasing and strengthening community partnerships.

Shikaze said the role of the health unit is also changing, turning more to policy and away from some of the programming it has done in the past.

The Good Food Box program, for example, is looking for a new organization to

The night's third speaker was Kirsten Schmidt-Chamberlain, coordinator of the Central East Hospice Palliative Care Network, who spoke about the dire need for more palliative and hospice services in the area and a better understanding of what palliative care really is.

"It's not just end-of-life care," Schmidt-Chamberlain said.

The Central East LHIN, to which Haliburton belongs, is one of only two of the province's 13 health integration networks without residential hospice beds, she said.

Haliburton County has the greatest proportion of seniors in the LHIN, which extends south to Scarborough.

# \$50,000 interest-free loan up for grabs in business competition

Jenn Watt

Editor

There may be no dragons in Haliburton County, but there are plenty of bears.

Enough, in fact, to serve as a panel of judges in a unique business contest called Bears' Lair, modeled off the popular CBC TV program Dragons' Den.

"It's not just for new people. It's applicable to all new and existing businesses under 100 employees in any of the counties of the four areas that we serve," says organizer Gord Evans, CEO of Workforce Development Board.

The development board covers all of Peterborough, Northumberland, City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton counties and is partnering with the Haliburton County Development Corporation to provide a \$50,000 interest-free loan to the winner of the contest.

"We'll be selecting a group of [Haliburton] business professionals to be sitting on our panel of judges and they will go through the applications, they'll hear a presentation, much like *Dragons' Den,*" Evans says.

Just like the TV show, the finalists will present in a public forum at Fleming College Thursday, Feb. 10.

Only one business idea will be chosen and that winner will then go to Peterborough for the grand finale March 1 to square off against three other finalists for the loan and a long list of prizes including computer hardware, website development, a promotional video, office furnishing, signage and business education.

"For that session, we've got Robert Herjavic of the *Dragons' Den* coming," Evans

The contest was designed to encourage entrepreneurial growth in the four counties, stimulating economic wellbeing through-



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— Gord Evans

Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, Evans says, and the contest has increased the exposure of his organization, a not-for-profit funded largely by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

The application process will be rigorous;

contestants will be expected to have done extensive research on the market and have a solid business plan in place.

"They really have to do their research well. They have to research: who else is in this business, what is my target audience, are they sufficient to support me?" Evans

Haliburton's HCDC is a tremendous resource for those wishing to apply.

Not only can contestants pick up the applications from the HCDC office, but the staff there can assist in business plan development.

They can do that. They're not going to be involved in any judging, so there's no conflict there. And that's a service they offer: mentoring and helping and giving advice. They are the best community resource that I know of," he says.

The deadline for applications is Dec. 31 of this year. More information can be found at www.bearslair.ca.

# No flu shot in area schools causing hassle for some parents

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

Cathy Stephens was shocked when she found out that for the first time ever the flu shot would not be administered by the local high school and elementary school

A life-long resident of Minden and a parent of a 13 and 16 year old, Stephens' children have received the flu shot at their school year after year.

This year, however, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit made the decision to stop administering the shot in schools due to low turnout numbers and funding issues, according to an email Stephens received from Diane Dingman of the health unit.

We were one of the last health units in

the province to offer flu clinics in schools. and last year with the H1N1 pandemic we offered clinics for both H1N1 and seasonal flu but the number of students who were immunized was very low," said the email. "This year we chose instead to offer only community clinics. The school boards were informed in August that we would not be offering flu vaccine in the schools and the individual schools were notified in September. We asked the schools to include a message in their newsletters."

According to Stephens the administrators at Archie Stouffer Elementary School or Haliburton high school never made her aware of this change.

"I went back and looked in the September and October newsletters and there was nothing in there," said Stephens.

A flu clinic offering the shot took place in Minden on Oct. 28, however, Stephens didn't become aware of this until it was too

"I picked up the *Times* on the evening of the 28 and by then had missed the clinic," said Stephens, "and they were only offering the one clinic in Minden."

Stephens emailed the health unit regarding the absence of the flu shot in the schools and inquired as to why only one clinic was offered in Minden.

"Unfortunately as this was all unfold-

clinic in Haliburton were also ending," said Stephens. "I believe there are two clinics left in Haliburton, one being on a Saturday and one on an evening and we'll just have to go to one of those. However, I'm sure there are some people in town that won't be able to go to these clinics."

According to Joan Harpell, principal at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the flu shot information was included in November's newsletter, which was issued at the





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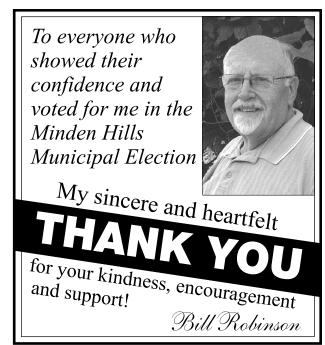
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#### Rotarians beautify **Gull River's** shoreline

Closest, Dennis Casey, a rotarian with the club in Minden, digs a hole for one of 103 plants that were planted along the shoreline of the Gull River in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 6. The club contributed \$2,000 to beautifying the area around the bridge.

See more photos online at www.mindentimes.ca.

**Darren Lum** Times staff



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Dan Marsden **Principal** 

# Reid acting prematurely, reeve claims

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inaugural on Dec. 6 and reeve-elect Reid is running gunshot," said McMahon.

"I had to explain that until the other members of council are sworn in they have no right meeting with department heads and discussing budgets or anything of that nature."

According to Reid, she was invited by the CAO and treasurer to a meeting to take place on Oct. 30 at the municipal

"The meeting was set for Friday at 11 a.m. The purpose of the meeting, because I always ask what the purpose of a meeting is, was to discuss the treasurer's concerns about how late the budget process was going to be in getting started if we had to wait until after the inauguration.

"They wanted some overall budget guidelines from me, which I provided to the two of them on Oct. 30."

The three met, though it is unclear who called the meet-

"I can tell you councillor Reid contacted me in late October because she thought it would be a good idea to set up orientation/budget meetings prior to her inaugural," Morrison said.

"I said yeah that seems like a good suggestion and at that time I said I will have to go to the current council members

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— Iim McMahon

and get their OK, and that's exactly what I did."

According to Reid, after receiving support from council members, Blanchard set up the orientation budget meetings for Nov. 11 and Nov. 16.

What she called it was orientation meetings where she introduced the budget," said McMahon. "Orientation is great, get to know the council members, but do it after you're sworn in."

"The long and the short of it is these meetings were set up by the treasurer to aid the department heads in getting on with the budgeting process, a process that the current council has absolutely nothing to do with, save and except Deputy-reeve Murdoch and Councillor Lisa Schell," said Reid.

According to McMahon, Morrison, along with other members of staff and council members approached the reeve asking what they should do in the situation.

"The CAO takes direction from the sitting council, not the newly elected council," said McMahon, "and Barb Reid still holds the role of councillor of Ward 2, not the position of reeve.

"And have some respect for the outgoing reeve as well," said McMahon. "That's basically what it boils down to."

According to Reid, the budget process for the upcoming year has typically already begun at this in time of the year. This being an election year Reid did admit the delay is not detrimental to council proceedings.

"What I was responding to was a staff request to try and come up with a way to get the process started," said Reid.

"These kick-off meetings are going to happen regardless," said Reid. "What council effectively did today was vote to delay any kick-off meetings until the new council is sworn

During the meeting, Hagerman was appointed the agent of record.

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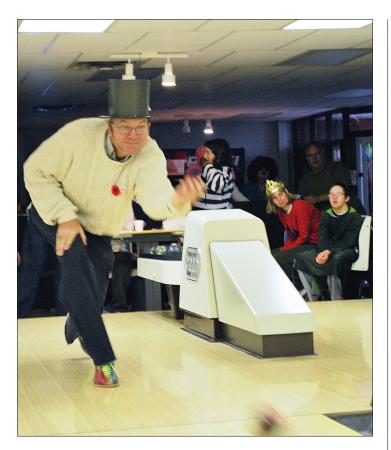




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#### **\$2,600** raised for **local Special Olympics**

A fundraiser for the local Special Olympics team was held at the Fast Lane on Oct. 30 and raised approximately \$2,600. The money will be used to buy the athletes' baseball equipment.

**Chad Ingram** Times staff

# 'Tis the season to think snow



**Woman on Wheels** Annette McLeod,

QMI Agency annette.mcleod@sunmedia.ca

Once Halloween is in the rearview mirror, it's a safe bet that snow is not far away, which makes it the perfect time for an annual event. No, not Christmas or Hanukkah, but a "get your car ready for winter" col-

If you're anything like me, your first instinct is to ignore the whole sordid mess in the hopes that you can live in denial until April, but that's not the best thing for your vehicle.

"Each year, we seem to be surprised," says Carol Deacon, associate vice-president automotive, for Canadian Tire. "Make sure you're prepared."

The first thing you should do is get winter tires. All-seasons aren't going to cut it in the frozen North. "Winter tires are not just snow tires," Deacon says. "There may not even be snow on the ground, but below seven degrees, you need winter tires. Winter tires are made of a different compound (than all-season tires). In addition to traction, they perform a lot better on ice. You will stop on average 25 per cent to 50 per cent shorter than on all-seasons."

Deacon adds that you should always install four, not two, even though some people think they only need winter tires on their drive wheels. "If you change just two, you could lose control. There is a higher risk of accident."

All-wheel drive is great — it will help get you started from a full stop and help you steer around corners — but when it comes to stopping safely,

"your tires are going to save you," she says. Check your tire pressure often, too. For every rise or fall of five degrees, the PSI in your tires drops by one. The Rubber Association of Canada uses a snowflake logo to denote tires approved for severe winter conditions.

Visibility is crucial always, but especially in foul weather. First, Deacon says to replace your wiper blades. "They deteriorate easily," she says.

Also, inspect your headlights. "Bulbs don't just blow; they dim over time." Deacon says a million and a half Canadians are driving with cloudy headlights, which can reduce vision by 50 per cent to 75 per cent. "You can have a dimming bulb, scratches, oxidation and your lights become cloudy." Check at the beginning of each season. When one goes, it's a sign the other is about to go too, so replace both. In daylight, when the lights are out, you can see the bulb through the plastic and check for scratches, clarity and grit. (Canadian Tire exclusively sells 3M's Headlight Lens Restoration System.)

Next, check your battery. "Batteries die more often in winter," Deacon says. "If the temperature dips below -18°C, your battery can lose 40 per cent of its charge, so you need twice the power to start your vehicle. Average battery life is less than five years."

Make sure the fluids in your car are appropriate for the season, and keep extra washer fluid on board.

Finally, be prepared. Stock up on a few essentials like booster cables, snow brush, shovel, gloves, flashlight, even a couple protein bars and keep them packed neatly in your cargo area.

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# Canadian author reflects on memoir at annual library gala

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

The daughter of immigrants, Judy Fong Bates grew up in a very white community.

"For several years my mother was the only Chinese lady and I was the only Chinese child in our town," said Bates as she began her talk at the annual library gala held at the Minden Hills public library on

"I was always referred to as that young Chinese girl."

It was a childhood spent feeling like an outsider and a trip abroad to discover her roots many years later that eventually resulted in Bates, recently published memoir titled *The Year of Finding Memory*.

Bates spoke to the nature of the book and the journey she took to writing it at the fifth annual fundraising gala put on by the Friends of the Library.

A teacher for 20 years, Bates began writing later in her life, publishing her first book at the age of 47.

"I was not so much a late bloomer as I was a suppressed bloomer," explained Bates.

A lover of stories from an early age, Bates would listen to her father tell her Chinese stories as a child, enjoyed it when teachers shared tales from the Brothers Grimm and especially loved stories found in the Bible. As Bates put it, "where else could you find stories filled with sex, betrayal and adultery and a golden calf?"

However, for Bates, the writing would

"Why did it take so long for me to actually

publish a book?" asked Bates.

The answer could be found in Bates's struggle to find her identity.

"As a young girl my references were white, I craved for reflections of myself. I wanted to look like Sandra Dee.

"I don't want to leave you with the impression I had an unhappy childhood, I didn't. But when there was a crumb on the ground I was never too proud to pick it up."

In her teenage years, Bates began reading books that dealt with the subjects of homosexuality and race.

"I felt like the author of these books, James Baldwin, was saying to me maybe you too have stories worth telling," said

Bates eventually found her voice and published a book of short stories, titled Midnight at the Dragon Café.

However, 13 years later the author took on the challenge of tackling the difficult subject of her father's suicide.

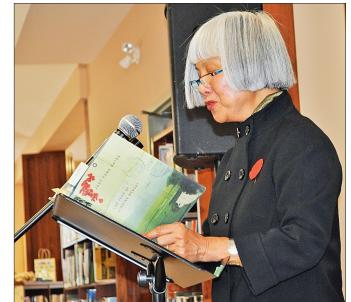
"My mother's life had all those dramatic elements," said Bates, "and we had a family secret, which was that my father had committed suicide when I was 22.

"This draped my family in a mantle of shame. It took me almost 40 years to lift the mantle and write about it."

In the process, Bates travelled back to China and returned with a memoir rich with history.

"My memoir was no longer just a story about my parents but of their life and journey," said Bates. "I was finally able to write a book that was a testament to my parents'

Following her talk, Bates read an excerpt from her memoir. As she battled a cold and



**Canadian author Judy** Fong Bates reads an excerpt from her recently published memoir The Year of Finding Memory at the Minden Hills public library on Nov. 7 during the Friends of the Library's fifth annual

Through ticket sales and a silent auction the event raised a total of \$2,500 for the county's library branches.

**Angelica Blenich** Times staff

struggled to get through the words a member from the audience walked up to the front to offer Bates a cough candy.

"Oh Haliburton, you are so kind," remarked Bates.

The annual fundraising event was attended by more than 65 guests and brought in a total of \$2,500 through a silent auction, to go towards the various library

branches in Haliburton County.

'This has been one of our most successful galas," exclaimed Heather Thom, president of the Friends of the Library.

"It's a wonderful testament to Haliburton that you have such a good turnout and that this gig has been going on for five years," remarked Bates.



#### **Haliburton Highlands** Land Trust

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Left, Minden Rotarians of Minden Bob Taylor, Joanna Penfold, Mary Fox, Jane Leavis, Rick Ratcliff present Bob McKay of the Neighbours, Friends and Families, which is a public education campaign to raise awareness of the signs of woman abuse, a cheque for \$250. Families is hosting an upcoming memorial lunch in commemoration of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women at the Minden Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6. Rotarian Dennis Casey, far right, helped organize the cheque **Darren Lum Times staff** 



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# Sports

# Varsity A field hockey loses in sudden death 4-2

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's HHSS class.

**Friday, Oct. 29**The Varsity A field hockey team dominated North Hastings but were unable to find the net. The game was decided by sudden death penalty strokes with the final score 4-2 for North Hastings.

The junior football team lost their playoff game 3-0 to Adam Scott on Friday. Game stars go to the defence and offensive line.

The junior girls' basketball team was leading in the fourth quarter in a match up against Brock but was unable to respond to Brock's surge in the dying minutes of the game.

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 2**

The senior Red Hawks football team

advanced to the Kawartha final by defeating Brock 27-17. Players of the game: Drew Paul, Scott Griffith, Nick Freeman and Tyler Wood.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3**The junior girls' basketball team played their best defense of the year in a game against Gravenhurst, with good transitions leading to great scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, our team was defeated by one point. Player of the game to Casey Pringle for leading on the scoreboard and sinking two lay-ups.

The senior girls' basketball team took part in a defensive battle against the Gravenhurst Gryphons. For the second time this season, the girls went into overtime but were unable to pull out a win, splitting the series 1-1 with the Gryphons.

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# Team may be small, but they have big heart

The 2010 Haliburton Timbr-Mart Minor Midget Storm team are small in numbers and stature but are big at heart! Minding the twine for the team is Darcy "the Eagle" Schmidt. The 11 skaters are Tanner Hamilton, Donovan MacInnes, Taylor Rowbotham, Kieran Poropat, Mike Mazara, Mike Dack, Jake Harrison, Andrew Murray, Mike Nelson, Riley Tait and Tyler "Boomer Junior" Stamp. The team are well coached by Scotty Hamilton, Devon Hunter, Brad Tait and Ed Poropat. With two ties over the past weekend with the Huntsville Otters and Bracebridge Bears the boys have a record of one win, four losses and two ties. With some solid practices and team gelling the boys are starting to come together. At their next home game versus the Huntsville Otters on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Dysart Community Centre there will be a banner raising ceremony in memory of Dawson Hamilton (Tanner's little brother). The ceremony will take place just before the game at 8 p.m. The teams invite everyone to come out and support the event and take in some fun, fast hockey.

Submitted by Wade MacInnes

**Atom A visits** 

**Parry Sound**The Highland Storm Atom A team travelled to Parry Sound for an intense weekend of hockey. On Saturday, Nov. 6 both games proved to be a challenge. The Storm came out strong and had a 4-1 lead, but Parry Sound pushed harder and ended the game with a 4-4 tie. Goals were scored by Owen Gilbert, Kyle Cooper and Owen (Smitty) Smith put in two. Great team effort with assists going to Devyn Prentice and Kyle Cooper. The wellmatched teams played an exciting but tight second game and once more ended in a 3-3 tie. One goal scored by Lucas Haedicke and two goals by Owen Patterson-Smith. A huge team effort with assists going to Nolan Flood and Owen Patterson-Smith. It was a quick start on Nov. 7 with Parry Sound taking the lead, but not for long. Despite being short a defenseman, the Storm team came together and locked down a 5-4 victory. The goals came from Kyle Cooper, two from Nolan Flood and two from Nik Dollo. The assists were by Josh Boice, Nik Dollo, Owen Patterson-Smith, Kyle Cooper and Owen Gilbert. Great games played by goalie Josh Bellefleur and an excellent effort by the rest of the boys. The next home game is schedule for Nov. 21 in Minden at 1 p.m. against Huntsville. Join us to support the Highland Storm Atom A

The Highland Storm Atom A team is proudly sponsored by Dollo's Foodland. Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

#### Two wins, one loss for Peewee AE

The Peewee AEs played their game against Port Carling that was rescheduled from Oct. 30 to Thursday, Nov. 4 in Haliburton. The Storm played well and achieved a 5-0 win, a shutout for our goalie, Parker Smolen.Goals

go to Ethan Cooper, John Morrison, Max MacNaull (unassisted), Drew Vanlieshout, and Josh Rowden. Assists to Drew Vanlieshout (2), Jake Bull, Mitch Billings, Greg Crofts and Alex Wilbee.

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team had two games this past weekend. The first Saturday, Nov. 6 in Humphrey against Parry Sound. Our bench was not healthy, with a lot of coughing and sniffing and we were also short a player. The team played with not quite enough energy that they needed to stay on top of the Parry Sound team and lost 2-0.

Our second game in Minden on Sunday, Nov. 7 proved what one day and a full bench could do. It was somewhat of a physical game with the boys remembering that they could check and Bracebridge doing the same. Goals going to Max MacNaull (2), Reagan Casey, and Mitch Billings. Assists going to Drew Vanlieshout, Mitch Billings, John Morrison, Greg Crofts and Josh Rowden. An overall better effort by the whole team with a win of 4-1. Thank you to our sponsor Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

#### **Novices beat Parry** Sound

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Novice Team defeated the Parry Sound Novice team by a score of 7-1 in the Parry Sound arena. Our next game is on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. in Minden against Gravenhurst.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

#### **Bantam girls still** undefeated

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls maintained their undefeated record over the weekend. Saturday night, the Storm ladies played their best total team game to date beating the Cold Creek Comets 2-0. Last minute first and second period goals by Erin Little and Kelsey Maracle, along with a stellar game shutout by Connor Marsden (her fourth goose egg of the season) solidified the

On Sunday, the girls made the road trip to Ennismore to face off against the high-flying Eagles. Solid goaltending at both ends kept the game to a 0-0 draw after two periods of play. Alex Litwin snuck a shot in the net to open up the scoring in the third period. Ennismore's fast skating on the power play tied the game at one each. Sidney Feir rallied late in the period on a nice feed from Erin Little who had helpers on both snipes.

This proved to be the winning goal and kept the Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls' season without a loss at 5-0-2. The Storm ladies have two games in Minden this weekend. Saturday they take on the Lindsay Lynx at 5 p.m. and Sunday they host Markham-Stouffville at 5:30.

The following weekend, Nov. 20 and 21, the Bantam girls travel to Kanata to play in their first tourney of their season. Good luck

Submitted by Dan Marsden



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#### **Red Hawk girls** narrowly miss win

Left, junior Red Hawks forward Kate Denniston and guard Alex Litwin watch as teammate centre Jaimie Dack jumps for a defensive rebound in the fourth quarter against the Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School Hurricanes at the AA Kawartha Wildcard tournament in Haliburton on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The Red Hawks lost 42-29.

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# A mother's account of Edward Cyr's Ironman dream

Gisele Cyr

Special to the Times

"Go, Edward, go!" is what I've been yelling through my lungs to cheer my son Edward Cyr during several triathlons and the 70.3 Ironman competitions I recently attended; however, on Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll be yelling "Go, Canada, go!" as Edward competes in the 70.3 Ironman World Championship in Clearwater, Fla.

Edward qualified to compete in the world championship as a result of his incredible times during the Sept. 12 Muskoka 70.3 Ironman competition where he finished second of 24 athletes in his age group with the time of five hours, two minutes, 37 seconds. The race is a 1.2-mile swim (2 km), followed by a 56-mile bike (90 km), and finally a 13.1-mile run (21.1 km) of which there were 860 participants. Overall, Edward finished in 61st place.

Some might remember Edward who curled competitively with Connor Duhaime, Jake Walker, and Curtis Nichol for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, which led them and coach Tom Dibblee to two Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations finals and two Gore Provincial Championships. The boys still continue to curl in the winter in men's, junior, and varsity competitions.

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Two years ago, Edward discovered the sport of triathlon. ... He immediately fell in love with the race and said 'I want to do this.'

Edward Cyr races in the Muskoka 70.3 Ironman competition. Photo submitted

Two years ago, Edward discovered the sport of triathlon. This all started when he attended a triathlon in Huntsville in June, 2008, to cheer on his girlfriend's father Jamie, who was competing. He immediately fell in love with the race and said "I want to do this."

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That same summer, Edward registered for his first triathlon scheduled for Sept. 12 in Wasaga Beach. Without wasting any time, he bought himself a race bike and immediately started training. September came quick; Edward was anxious but ready to compete.

The Olympic triathlon was a 1,500-metre swim, a 40km bike and a 10-km run. This competition had 206 participants who were registered. For his first competition, his goal was just to finish. He achieved his goal and a time of 2h:49min:50sec.

Edward couldn't wait to compete again. He spent the next winter curling as he had been doing every winter, however, he kept on with his swimming in the local pool, working out at the gym and cycling on a trainer. When spring came, he registered for the Muskoka Long Course Triathlon in June, 2009.

This was a two-km swim, a 55-km bike and a 15-km run; Edward had a lot of fans cheering him on. Jamie was also competing along with another friend of Edward's, Taylor, therefore it was really exciting cheering. Edward placed 296 out of 672 participants, ninth of 13 for his age group and overall time was 03h:49min:37sec. This was the first triathlon I ever attended and it was so emotional! My daughter Chantal and I were waiting by the finish line and as we

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# As Edward pedaled, so did Gisele, cheering him on

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watched Edward running in on Main Street in Huntsville we hugged each other with tears of happiness running down our faces. We were so amazed by his enthusiasm to compete in such an event. His time didn't matter to us, all that was important was that he was doing something he loved and gave it his best shot. We were so proud of him.

Edward spent last winter enjoying his last year in junior curling and did extremely well with his boys' team. They made it to the Junior Men's Provincials in January going undefeated in round robin but losing the final game to Jake

We were extremely proud of both teams. Jake's team went on to win nationals and competed at the Junior Men's Worlds in Switzerland.

Throughout the winter, Edward kept on curling, attended university in Waterloo and found time to keep up with triathlon training as he was looking forward to more triathlons

Last spring, Edward joined a triathlon group in the Kitchener-Waterloo area who train and compete together for triathlon and Ironman competitions. This group is called Team Energi" and are well noticed in races, wearing their bright blue race gear. The team is coached by pro triathlete Jeff Beech of Waterloo. All the ground work was in place for a breakthrough season.

In spring of 2010, Edward registered for the Olympic distance triathlon race on June 20 in Guelph. He placed 46th of 625 athletes and finished third out of 27 in his age group (2h:21min). He was astounded by his performance and missed the Olympic Distance World Championships in Beijing by one spot, but was more than happy to take home

Edward's next competition would be the longest race on his resume to date. It took place on July 25, in Magog, Que. A 2.35-km swim, 90-km bike, and 21.1-km run were the distances for this National Long Course Triathlon Championships. I couldn't make it to that competition as I was away on vacation sailing on Georgian Bay, however, I really wanted to be there for Edward.

The morning of the competition, since we were docked at a marina, I got up really early and decided to do approximately 20 minutes of each event (swim, bike, run) at the same time that Edward was competing.

I dove in the water at 7:05 a.m. sharp, the scheduled start time of the competition, and I swam and cheered Edward on, "Go, Edward, go!" I came out of water and knew approximately the time he would be on his bike; so I borrowed a bike, put shorts over my swimsuit and put my runners on and went biking.

As I pedaled, I cheered Edward on (yes, silly as it was, from about 12 hours away) with tears in my eyes being so proud of what he was doing, I yelled loud, as I biked... "Go, Edward, Go!" Edward's girlfriend Bridget, who was in Magog, sent me a text message and provided me with an approximate time that Edward would be starting his run, therefore, I started my run at about the same time and cheered Edward on again..."Go, Edward, Go!" I would yell.

I was so emotional; tears were running down my face. I returned to the marina and waited impatiently to hear back from Bridget. A while later, I got a text message from Bridget that Edward had crossed the finish line earlier than expected!

Unbelievable. There are big hills in Magog, which makes it a very challenging course, however, Edward finished second in his age group, winning the silver medal! He qualified for the world championships in Las Vegas, Nevada in November 2011 where he will be representing Team Can-

I called Edward and spoke with him. He was exhausted but felt great about his time which took him five hours, four minutes and 26 seconds. Overall, he finished 32nd out of 143 athletes participating.

Edward competed in two more triathlons in August to prepare for his year-end race at the Muskoka Ironman 70.3. The first, an Olympic triathlon in Goderich (one km



Shortly after his competition, **Edward told me that while** he was running, he kept on thinking 'Clearwater, Clearwater,' which pushed him harder.

swim, 42 km bike and 10 km run) where he finished second in his age group in 2h:10min:26sec.

He said it was his best race yet with an overall fifth place finish. The second was the sprint triathlon (swim 750 m, bike 33 km, run 7.5 km) in Orillia the following weekend. I drove to Orillia at 5 a.m. on that rainy morning to watch the start. There were 603 athletes registered. The weather wasn't very nice, but Edward didn't seem to mind it. He was doing well, however, encountered a little snag when the chain came off his bike as he started the bike portion of the triathlon, it was sad to watch him lose some time to put his chain back on however, he just kept on going.

As I waited near the finish line, I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw Edward coming in really early pushing himself as he crossed the finish line. I was so proud of him! He completed that triathlon in 1h:39min:07sec and finished first in his age group and 20th overall. He was ready to race in the Ironman

Edward's final competition of the season, the Muskoka Ironman 70.3 was on Sept. 12 in Huntsville. This race was a qualifying race for the Ironman 70.3 in Florida in November and it had been a dream of Edward's to qualify.

I drove with my daughter Chantal the day before the race to get familiar with the area and had dinner with Edward and other athletes in his group. Sunday was a rainy day, and Edward wasn't feeling very well the night before, feeling he was coming down with a cold; however, the rain and cold didn't slow him down too much.

He started the swim at 8:05 a.m. in the cool fog at Deerhurst Resort. Out of the water, he was assisted by wetsuit strippers - volunteers who help the athletes remove their wetsuits after a gruelling 2 km swim. "Go, Edward, go!" we yelled from the sidelines as he ran to his bike. We couldn't see Edward get on his bike (imagine trying to locate your bike in a lot with over 900 other bikes when every second is so important), however, we had approximately three hours to wait while he was gone for the 94 km bike portion of the race. I waited farther along the side of the finishing chute

Two hours, 45 minutes later, I could see him coming towards transition. I had a few other spectators around helping me cheer Edward on as he went by. He racked his bike, changed into his running shoes and away he went on the 21.1 km run ... as friends and family cheered him on.

We all waited impatiently for his return, but what an exciting moment it was to watch Edward run in at a personal best time and see him cross the finish line with a one hour, 38 minute half marathon.

He finished second in his age group which qualified him to compete in the 70.3 World Championships in Clearwater, Fla. on Nov. 13, 2010. He came in 61st place overall with a time of 05:02:37.

Shortly after his competition, Edward told me that while he was running, he kept on thinking "Clearwater, Clearwater" which pushed him harder. The Team Energi coach Jeff Beech, Jamie, and three other Team Energi members also qualified for Worlds in November. Edward was tired, cold, shivering, but smiling and excited about his race and going to compete in the world championships.

Edward has since joined the University of Waterloo varsity swim team to improve his swimming over the winter and for Clearwater. He still trains with Team Energi through the fall and winter seasons in preparation for next year and the world championships next fall in Las Vegas.

#### **Edward's comments:**

Big thanks to Jeff Beech and Jamie Arnold for their amazing coaching, encouragement, and support throughout the season. Also thank you Bridget for staying with me through all my training and racing, you are my biggest supporter. To follow our race online, go to ironman.com/events/ironman70.3 to watch the live feed and race splits."





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# Martin Avery to hold creativity workshop in Minden



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The Dorset Recreation Centre along with all Township of Algonquin Highlands offices (landfill sites will be maintaining regular hours) will be closed in observance of Remembrance Day on Thursday, Nov. 11

For those of you who attended the Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art at the Dorset Recreation Centre in April, you may remember writer and poet Martin Avery who recited a poem composed that very day about the Dorset Tower. Martin also shared a few other readings with us and all enjoyed his wonderful sense of humour

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and Editors' Network. The event is called A Creativity Workshop with Martin Avery and takes place on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The author of several books, Avery was Writer in Residence in Muskoka and Pickering prior to becoming current Writer In Residence in the Zen Forest.

Leave the critical brain at home; nobody in this workshop picks apart anyone else's creation. The cost is \$20 for members of HHWEN and other writers' groups; \$25 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling Pat Brown at 705-286-6448.

Yoga Classes with Ingrid Bittner for all levels including beginners take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre every Wednesday with two convenient times to choose from.

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The next bead workshop at the Dorset Recreation Centre is on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. For more information or to sign up please call Marlene at 789-

Good news for the Good Food Box program! Last week I mentioned that the program may be ending after the November delivery. The Haliburton Lions Club has stepped up to the plate and has agreed to organize and administer the program. Community Contacts will be meeting on Nov. 11 to go over any new procedures. Those receiving boxes should not notice any dif-

Birthday wishes for the week of Nov. 7 to 13 go out to Don Inch, Patricia Thompson, Anna Ross, Alexa Aubin, Janice Jones and Happy 16 to Devon MacKay. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

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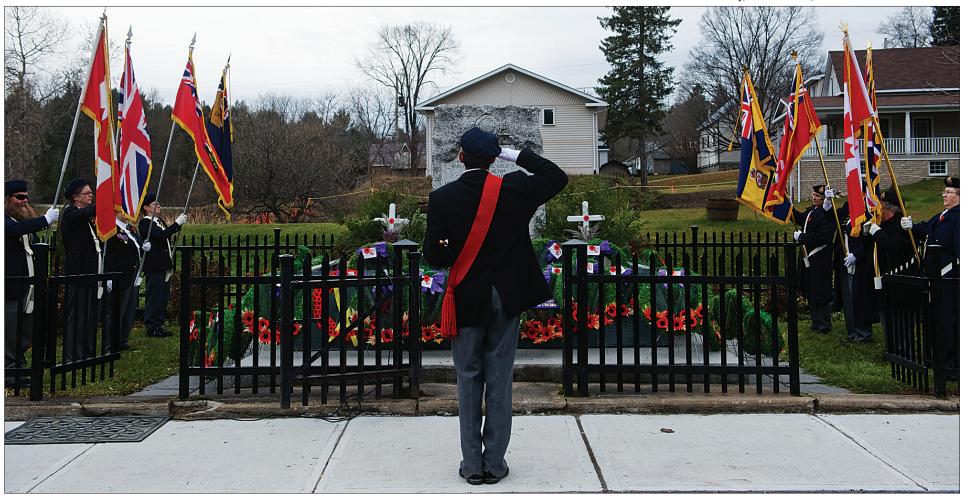
In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead, Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset gl Loved and were loved, and now v

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**Darren Lum** Times staff

Kinmount remembered and saluted those who served their country in the past wars this past Sunday.

# Kinmount pays respects

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

The Remembrance Day service was organized by the Royal Canadian Legion John McGrath branch 441 in Kinmount where community leaders, family and friends of those lost to past wars paid their respects on Sunday, Nov.

There were more than 60 wreaths placed at the cenotaph in remembrance for those who served their country such as Second World War veteran Joe McNamara, 87, who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a mechanic.

Kinmount, who also had several men serve in the First World War, had 88 Second World War veterans, which was close to 10 per cent of the town's total population.



Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount branch 441 Sergeant-at-Arms Jason Sparkes and Bernice Cowan stand and salute.

Sergeant-at-Arms Jason Sparkes leads the colour party - march of colours to the Remembrance Day ceremony in Kinmount.

# Kinmount holds annual Christmas baazar

Looking for that very special gift on this year's Christmas list? Don't miss the annual Christmas Bazaar hosted by the Artisans Guild at the Kinmount Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 20 from, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Choose from a wide variety of guild members' creations of visual arts and handcrafts at reasonable prices plus a home baking table and a delicious homemade soup available for lunch.

There will be hourly door prizes and seasonal music to

put you in the Yuletide mood. The centre is located at 4995 Monck Rd. on Cty. Rd. 45 West off Cty. Rd. 121 with extra parking nearby at the Kinmount Railway Station.

While at the bazaar be sure to also visit the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace downstairs open weekends from 10

Contact Patti Fleury at 705-488-2938, Sandra Weyrich 705-286-4370 or email brucefleury@nexicom.net.

# Time change makes farmhouse cranky



**Patti Fleury** Around the Town

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Cousin Margo always reminded her new kindergarten arrivals "whining is unappealing." I don't care. Once again this time change, although preferred over spring's, has affected the inhabitants of the old farmhouse both of the two- and four-legged variety. Short of moving to sensible Saskatchewan my energies will now be directed to forming PATCH - a loosely structured, low tech (no website, Facebook page or twittering), voluntary social network for Persons Against Time Changes. It is impressive how computers can simply adjust while crankiness will prevail here for at least the next week.

On Sunday morning under crisp, sunny skies our Kinmount community gathered to remember. Once again the Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 Kinmount led the Service on behalf of area residents of all ages many with personal memories of those war years. Some of our area Legion Branches will be holding their Remembrance Day services on Remembrance Day, Thursday, Nov. 11. Here in Kinmount a second, shorter service will be held at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m. on that date and at Coboconk the service will be at the Legion located at the intersection on Hwy. 35 and Kawartha Lakes Road at 11 a.m. We will remember them.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group is holding a memory keeping workshop led by Wendy Ladurantaye, creative memories independent consultant, this Saturday, Nov. 13. If you value your photos and stories but don't have a lot of time there will be scrapbook solutions developed just for you. The workshop will be held in the OPP boardroom, 12598 Hwy. 35, Minden, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. so bring along a brown bag lunch. The cost of \$30 includes a basic four-page supply package with additional materials available for purchase. It is suggested that participants bring 10 to 30 photos, notes and memorabilia to create four amazing scrapbook pages. Pre-registration is required by calling 705-457-8438 or visiting hhggroup@gmail.com.

Starting to feel that holiday spirit? Plan to drop by Crazy Horse Studio at 368 Galway Rd. where stained glass artisans Linda and Bill McGillivray will host their annual Christmas open house this weekend Nov. 12 to 14. For more details give them a call at 488-2860. On those same days visit Harmony Farms, 3290 County Rd. 121 just six kilometres south of Kinmount, for the Explore Your Senses Christmas open house featuring gourmet foods and gifts. Go to www.harmonyfarm.ca or call 488-3300 for more information. Harmony Farm will be closing for the season earlier this year by the end of November so this is a great opportunity to enjoy the hospitality shown by Sara, Kevin and Mackenzie.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Choose from local arts and handcrafts, enjoy homemade soup for lunch, hum along to seasonal music, buy a treat at the bake sale, enter for a door prize and while there be sure to pay a visit downstairs to the Artisans Marketplace for more tax free shopping.

Another sure sign of the holiday season approaching is the Kinmount and District Lions Club reminder that it's time to purchase/order delicious treats. Christmas fruit cakes and other items are now available at several Kinmount locations including Slice of the North, Gateway Variety, Kinmount Pharmacy, the Health Centre, Dave Anderson at Taylor's Garage or by calling Vic Ballik at 488-3053.

At Kinmount United Church Rev. Dr. Carol Kilby will lead her third session in the four part series on Consciously Becoming this Sunday, Nov. 14 at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no fee.

Until next week...

# There are many ways to serve potatoes

**Pam Rolfe** Minden W.I.

The Minden WI met at the home of Valerie Clark on Oct. 20. In the absence of the president, due to sickness, Rita chaired the meet-

The roll call was "many ways to serve potatoes" and each member either brought in a potato recipe or spoke about their favourite potato dish.

Rita and Clara gave their reports of the craft and fun day at Baddow on Oct. 6 and the annual convention at Sandford on the

The Minden Festival of Trees will be held at the Minden Cultural Centre on Nov. 26, 27 and 28 and our members have agreed to bake several dozen cookies and goodies each to serve with coffee, tea and hot chocolate during the course of the weekend.

We had an auction sale of homemade and home grown items donated by the mem-

Grace was sung and Valerie, Karin and Linda served lunch while we all chatted

The November meeting will be held at Rita's new residence on the 17th at 1:30 p.m. - visitors welcome.



### **Dec. 6 is National Day of Remembrance**



**Gina Atkinson** Stanhope Life

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The date for this memorial is Dec. 6. at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed with a free lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year's event is held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, 12847 Hwy. 35, Minden.

This event's guest speaker will be Jenn Watt, the managing editor of the Echo and Times.

There will also be a musical performance by the Haliburton Highlands Male Chorus.

Men and women are invited to attend - together we can all make a difference.

For more information please call Bob McKay at 705-754-4556.

Coming fast is the fabulous spaghetti night at the Zion United Church.

The date is Nov. 20 beginning at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. the chefs at the Zion United Church will cook up a delicious spaghetti dinner for you. Just like a restaurant, you can go in between this time frame, sit down and indulge yourself!

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There is always so much time and energy put into our local events, try to go out and attend. You won't regret it!

#### 8 Weekly Sudoku 2 6 To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, 4 column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You 9 4 can figure out the order in which the numbers 3 9 6 8 will appear by using the 8 6 numeric clues already 4 5 1 2 8 9 9 provided in the boxes. The 7 1 7 more numbers you name, 6 the easier it gets to solve 2 9 3 the puzzle! 9 9 2 8 9 7 8 p 2 8 9 b l E 6 5

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Sat. Nov. 20/10

10am : Lemon Tree (PG) Israeli Drama (subtitles) 1pm : Bright Star (PG) UK Romantic Historical Drama

Intro by poet & scholar John Unrau

3:30pm: House of Branching Love (14A) Finnish Comedy (subtitles)

7pm: Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie (PG) New Documentary w/guest; producer/ director Sturla Gunnarsson

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# community What's happening in the County Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the Haliluton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- Pick up Hockey: Every Tuesday evening @ 8pm in the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena. Wilberforce women's hockey pick up league. Just show up with your equiptment and play. \$10 to cover ice time. Call Bethany at 448-1991 for more details.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting is for everyone with hurts, habits and hang ups. Lakeside Baptist Curch (9 Park Street) every Monday at 7pm. Call 457-2851
- November 4- December 23: 8 Week DVD study Thursdays 10am to 11am. "The Power of your Words" by Robert Morris. Learn how God can bless your life by the words you speak. Location: The Jerico Centre, 50 York St. Unit 5. Entrance beside Curves, down the hall past the vehicle Licence Office. Call Don or Judy 457-2019 or 457-3107.
- November 12th: Christmas Luncheon White Elephant and Bake Sale at Minden United Church 21 Newcastle Street, Minden. Friday November 12, starting at 11:30am. Adults \$5, Preschool Children free.
- November 12 &13th : Treasures 2010 Start your Christmas Shopping Early at Treasures Craft Open House! Enjoy hot mulled cider and yummy Christmas cookies . Enter to Win a Beautiful Gift Basket. From 10am to 5 pm. At 16 Highland Gate Blvd. Minden.
- November 13th: Haliburton Flu Shot Clinic from 10am to 4 pm at The Royal Canadian Legion, Get your flu shot free, just bring your health card and or drivers licence. Call 705-457-1391 for more details.
- November 13th: Haliburton Concert Series presents Made in Canada Ensemble. Join us at 7:30 pm for a concert by this piano quartet. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and are available from Brenda Robinson at 457-2695. See our website for futher details haliburtoncs@blogspot.com
- November 13th: Christmas Craft and Bake Sale as well as Trash and Treasure Sale. At Parklane Apartments 1 Victoria Street, Haliburton, Starts at 9:30 and ends at 2:30. Proceeds go to charities

- November 16th : Smart Exercise will be starting up at Hyland Crest Auditorium each Tuesday in Minden. It will Start at 1:30pm. For more information please call Carol Browne at 286-2500 ext 265.
- November 17th: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE at St. Georges Anglican Church on Mountain Street. Goal of this seminar: "How do i make things easier for my family and loved ones?" Presenters: David Bishop a well known retired Haliburton Lawyer, Hugh Nichol a practicing chartered accountant in Haliburton. Topics: Wills, Power of Attorney & Executer, The final Tax Return, Protection of family assets. Open to the community and Free of Charge
- November 18th: Haliburton Flu Shot Clinic from 2pm to 7pm At the Royal Canadian Legion. Get your free flu shot. Just bring your health card or driver's licence. Cakk 457-1391 for more details.
- November 18th: Haliburton Meet the Nurse 10am til noon at the Ontario Early Years Centre. Parents with children up to the age of 6 can meet the public health nurse.
- November 20th: Gooderham United Church Christmas Bake & Craft Sale from 10am to 3pm with Lunch available.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@ mindentimes.ca. or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



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DZIKOWICZ, Bernard (Barney) and Honoured Veteran of WWII) Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital, Haliburton on Monday, November 8, 2010 at the age of 87. Beloved husband for 65 years of Marian. Dear brother of Mary of Vancouver, British Columbia, Mike Cadillac, Michigan and predeceased by his many brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered as Uncle Barney by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday, November 11, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service in the chapel at 1:00 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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VINCENT, Ross James - Passed away peacefully at Case Manor, Bobcaygeon on November 7, 2010 in his 91st year. Ross was awarded Man of the Year in the year 2000 by Stanhope Township, spent many hours as a volunteer driver for the Community Care Services and contributed to the refurbishing of the Stanhope museum and St. Stephen's Church. He served in the Air Force during World War II. Ross is predeceased by his loving wife Gladys and daughter Christine. Father to Jim and wife Nancy, grandfather to Cheryl (Troy), Colleen (Andrew), and Lara (Nick), greatgrandfather to Miller. Cremation has taken place. A private interment will take place at St. Stephen's Church Cemetery, Buckslide Rd.. Carnarvon at a later date. A special thanks to the staff at Case Manor, Bobcaygeon, Memorial Donations to the Hugh MacMillan Centre, Toronto would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.

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But your eyes were looking homeward to

that place beyond the sky
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like we did just yesterday But Jesus knew the answer, and we knew He loved you so

So we gave to you life's greatest gift, the gift of letting go.

Missing you always, Love Dale & Cathy

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#### **Mary Elaine Moore** February 5, 1957 - October 30, 2010

With deep sadness Anne and Paul Moore announce the passing of their daughter Mary, dearly loved by all who knew her, especially her sister Laura Moore-Dempsey, brother Paul James Moore, nieces Erin and Kiley, brother-in-law Gerry Dempsey, uncle Dan O'Shea, cousin Maureen Blaney and their families. Mary brought such joy to those lives she touched. Who could forget...her radiant smile and infectious laugh? A celebratory tribute of Mary's life will be held at the ARTS AND LETTERS CLUB OF TORONTO, 14 Elm Street (416-597-0223) on Friday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. Donations may be made to the Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Clubs Capital Campaign, 101 Spruce Street, Toronto M5A 2J3 (416-925-2243) or a charity of your choice. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles. com. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Humphrey Funeral Home -A.W. Miles Chapel, Toronto 1-800-616-3311.



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